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*Bernice Turley*





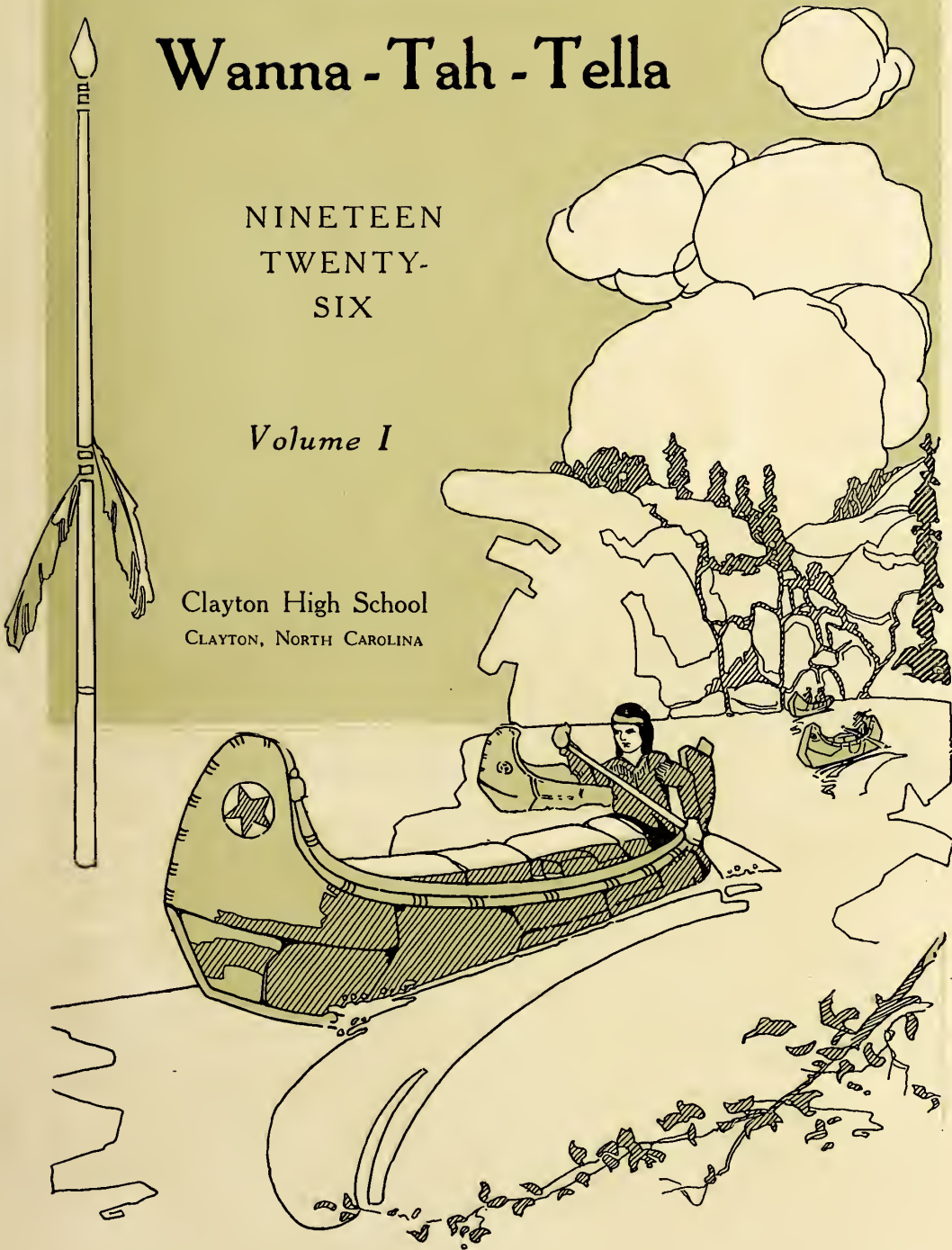


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NINETEEN  
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*Volume I*

Clayton High School  
CLAYTON, NORTH CAROLINA





# FOREWORD


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Our purpose in the pages that follow, is

To present a faithful record of a year at  
CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL.

To arouse in the hearts of its students  
reminiscences and recollections of  
happy school days.

To express, as best we can, the true  
spirit of our school.



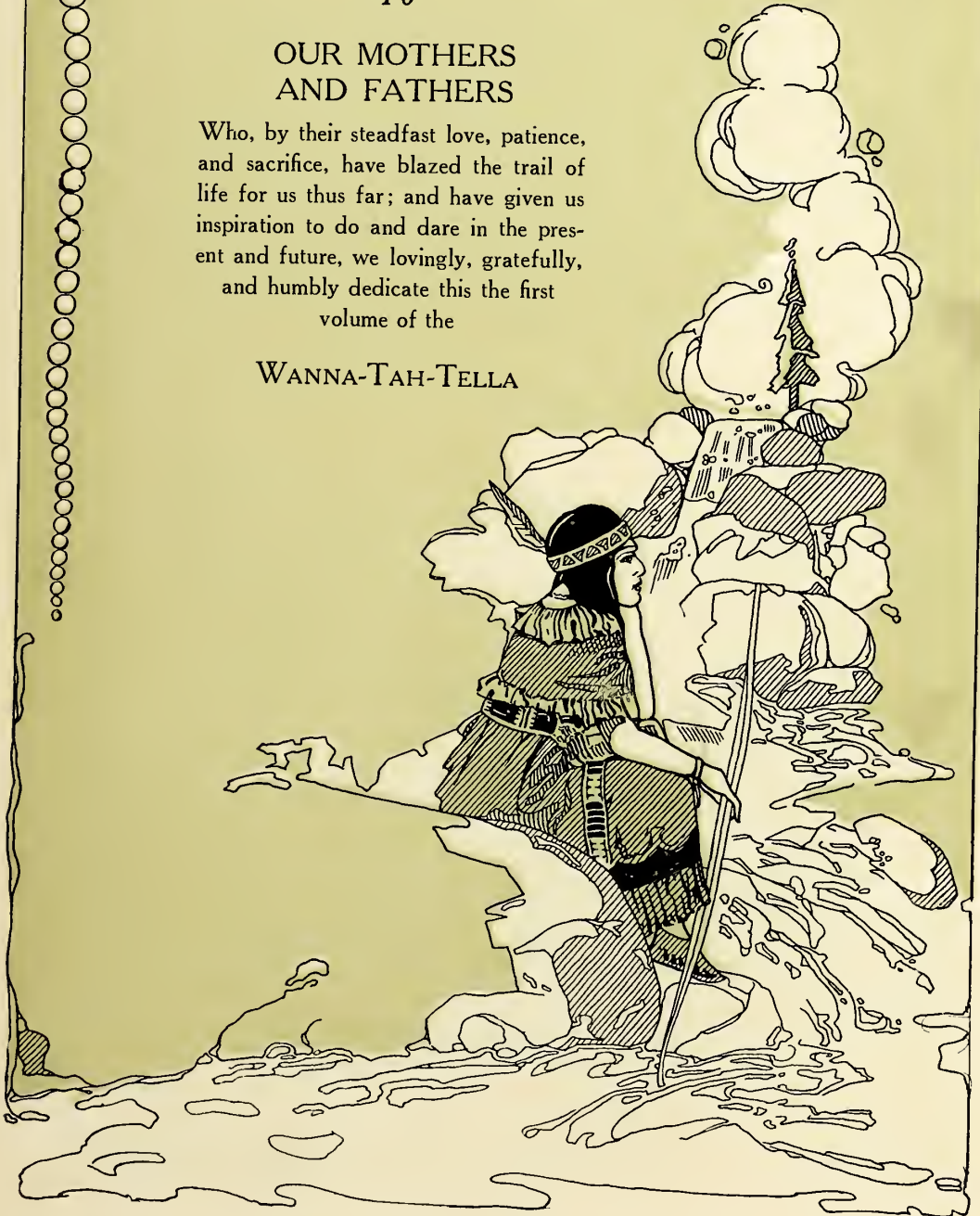
# DEDICATION

To

OUR MOTHERS  
AND FATHERS

Who, by their steadfast love, patience,  
and sacrifice, have blazed the trail of  
life for us thus far; and have given us  
inspiration to do and dare in the pres-  
ent and future, we lovingly, gratefully,  
and humbly dedicate this the first  
volume of the

WANNA-TAH-TELLA





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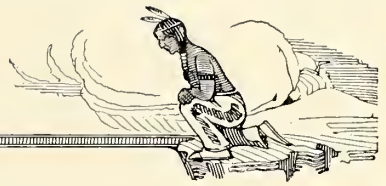
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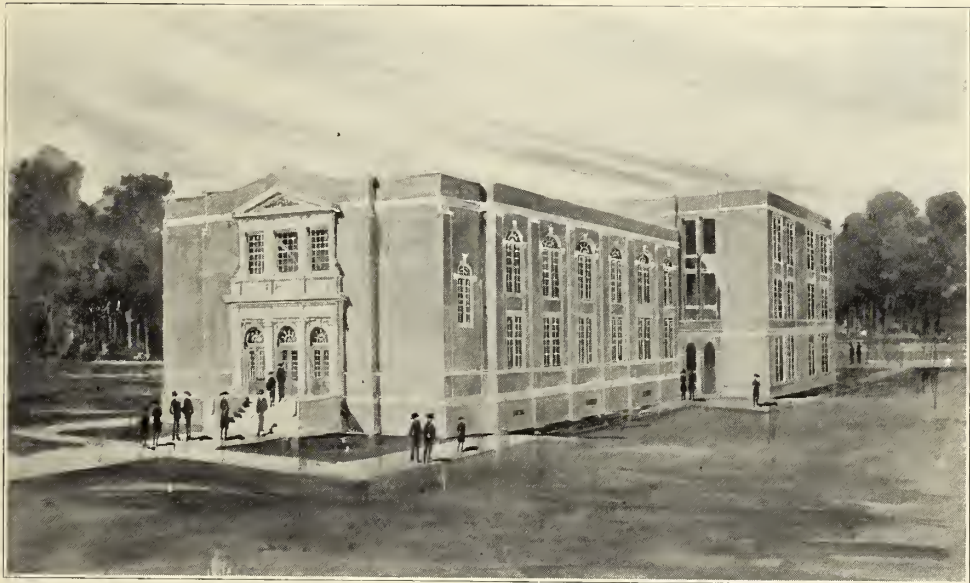
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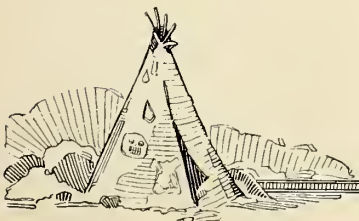




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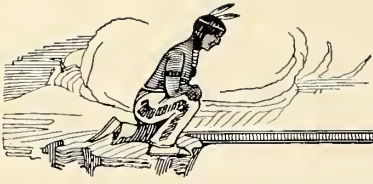






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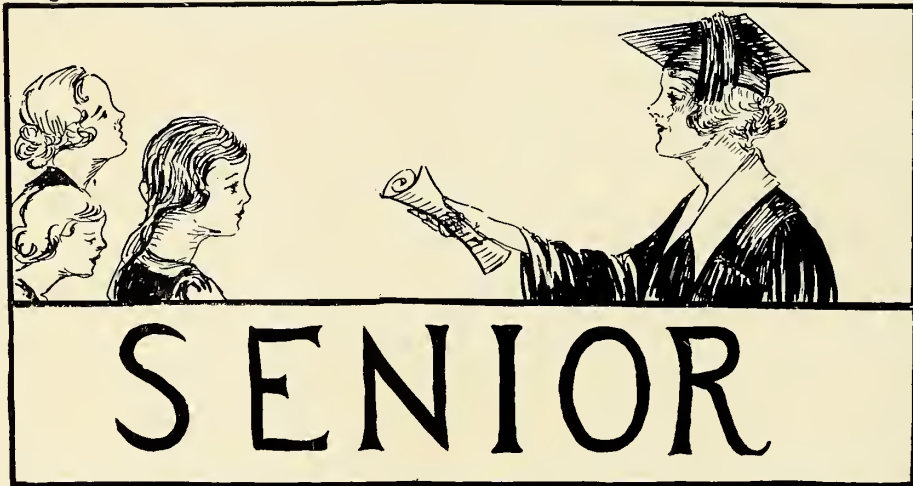
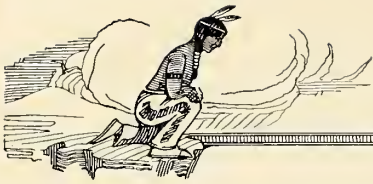






Book I

# CLASSES



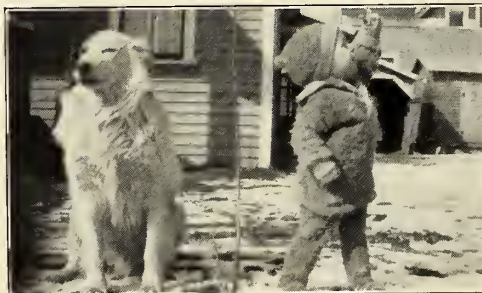
*Flower:* Sweet Pea

*Motto:* Dig.

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INEZ SMITH	Prophet
ASHTA DURHAM	Testator
LOUISE WRENN	Poetess
EDGAR BEDDINGFIELD, JR.	Class Mascot





## Senior Class

"Rather be small and shine, than to be  
great and cast a shadow."

### SALLY BAKER

Ambition: To weigh 100.  
Age: Only a kid.  
Pastime: Eating Baby Ruths.  
Favorite expression: "When I was  
in Goldsboro."  
Noted for: Changing her mind.  
Glee Club.

"Then she will talk, ye gods, how she  
will talk."

### ANNIE LAURA BARNES

Ambition: To be a politician.  
Age: Not quite a voter.  
Pastime: Arguing.  
Favorite expression: "I second the  
motion."  
Noted for: Talking.

"For she was jes' the quiet kind, whose  
nature never varies."

### ASHTA DURHAM

Ambition: To be a tidy housewife.  
Age: Guess.  
Pastime: Reading.  
Favorite expression: "Hush-sh!"  
Noted for: Her sweet disposition.

"Not lazy, wouldn't dare shirk,  
Just simply doesn't like to work."

### IRIS DUNCAN

Ambition: To reduce.  
Age: Not as old as she is large.  
Pastime: Working.  
Favorite expression: "Pshaw."  
Noted for: Driving a car.

"He is modest, and on his brow Nature  
has written 'Gentleman.'"

### WILLIAM EVANS

Ambition: To succeed Mr. Hassell  
some day.  
Age: Won't tell.  
Pastime: Helping others.  
Favorite expression: "Goodness."  
Noted for: Good behavior.







# WANNA TAH TELLA

## Senior Class

"Quiet people are welcome everywhere."

**ELIZABETH FERRELL**

Ambition: To be a librarian.

Age: She never tells.

Pastime: Reading love stories.

Favorite expression: "Good gracious."

Noted for: Studiousness.

"I'd rather be a man than a king."

**MATTHEW HOUGHTON**

Ambition: To go one with Jack Dempsey.

Age: Just a Senior.

Pastime: Working at Peg's.

Favorite expression: "Aw!"

Noted for: Being nice to people.

Baseball; Basketball; President Senior Class; Editor-in-Chief, "Wanna-Tah-Tella"; Winner Declamation Medal, 1925.

"Not so quiet as one would think, she's a luring, to be sure."

**LILLY LOCKLEY**

Ambition: To be a married 'oman.

Age: Just right.

Pastime: Driving the Ford.

Favorite expression: "Chile, chile."

Noted for: Emergency beauty aids.

Glee Club

"Drink not too deep of the fountain of knowledge, lest ye strangle."

**PRESSLEY MAUNEY**

Ambition: To be an ideal sheik.

Age: Not too old.

Pastime: Building fires.

Favorite expression: "Gee whiz."

Noted for: Quietness.

"If mischief will get you to heaven, Jo is on her way there."

**JOSEPHINE POOLE**

Ambition: To be Attorney-General of the United States.

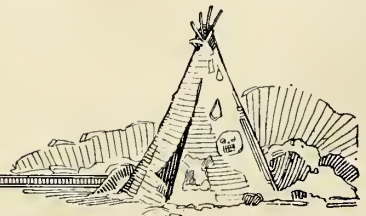
Age: Sh—.

Pastime: Falling in love.

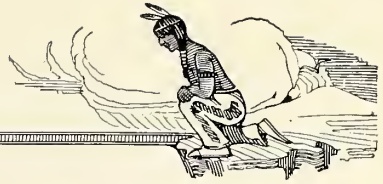
Favorite expression: "Quack."

Noted for: Wit.

Glee Club; Secretary Dramatic Club; Treasurer Senior Class; Commencement Debater, 1925; Winner, Mid-Term Debater's Medal, 1926.







## Senior Class

"He's interested in sports of every kind,  
A manner more pleasant is hard to  
find."

### LATRELLE PARRISH

Ambition: To be as good in Math  
as Miss French.

Age: Unknown.

Pastime: Farming.

Favorite expression: "Aw, stop."

Noted for: His everlasting grin.

Baseball, Basketball.

"All great men are dead, and I don't  
feel quite well myself."

### MILLARD PARRISH

Ambition: To be Babe Ruth II.

Age: Not quite in second childhood.

Pastime: Riding with the girls.

Favorite expression: "Aw, g'wan."

Noted for: His pretty marcel.

Baseball, Basketball.

"All of the earth's gems are not found  
in mines."

### INEZ SMITH

Ambition: To be a stenographer.

Age: 10 plus.

Pastime: Studying.

Favorite expression: "Good night."

Noted for: Interest in school work.

Glee Club.

"Why worry, things are bound to hap-  
pen."

### LELIA SHORE THOMAS

Ambition: To teach Latin like Miss  
Galphin.

Age: Still young.

Pastime: Writing letters.

Favorite expression: "Gosh."

Noted for: Musical ability.

Glee Club; Vice-President Dramatic Club;  
Graduate Member Music Class.

"Bernice can give a full rounded speech,  
She's chuck full o' pep, she surely is a  
peach."

### BERNICE TURLEY

Ambition: To always have a good  
time.

Age: Sweet sixteen and ————?

Pastime: Going to the drug store.

Favorite expression: "You fool—  
ish."

Noted for: Flirting.

Glee Club; Dramatic Club; Basketball;  
Vice-President Senior Class.





## Senior Class

"She has that way about her,  
We can't get along with or without  
her."

### ETHLYND TURLEY

Ambition: To teach youngsters.  
Age: A secret.  
Pastime: Sleeping.  
Favorite expression: "I'll swear—  
ney."  
Noted for: Her stunning "boyish  
bob."

"A girl with miles of charm,  
Her heart was stolen without alarm."

### DELMA WHITLEY

Ambition: To be "Miss America."  
Age: Doubtful.  
Pastime: Going to the postoffice.  
Favorite expression: "I'll declare."  
Noted for: Breaking dates.

"Jes' a bit stage-struck—tha's all."

### LOUISE WRENN

Ambition: To be a stage success.  
Age: Strictly personal.  
Pastime: Going to shows.  
Favorite expression: "Oh! the d—  
evil."

Noted for: Dramatic ability.

Glee Club, Dramatic Club; Secretary  
Senior Class; Press Reporter, Athletic  
Club.

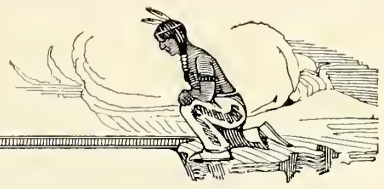
"He smoothed his chin, sleeked his hair,  
And said the world was beautiful."

### WORTH WOODALL

Ambition: To be a lawyer.  
Age: Not quite his own boss.  
Pastime: Chewing gum.  
Favorite expression: "Good night."  
Noted for: Ability in school work.







# CLASS HISTORY

## History of the Senior Class of 1926

**A**S STUDENTS of history we have learned that the significant facts about all great events are recorded. To us, the class of nineteen hundred and twenty-six, the greatest happening in our lives is the completion of our High School course. As we review the past, our history naturally falls into four epochs. For convenience and accuracy we will confine ourselves to these divisions.

It is with the desire to leave an accurate account of the events of these years we have completed, and to inspire others to finish the course successfully, that we leave this brief record. We hope that others who are tempted to lag and fall behind may be stimulated to strive on in order to enjoy the knowledge of having successfully run the race of high school years.

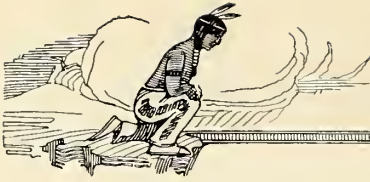
### Epoch I—Freshman Time

Those of us who successfully met the requirements of the seventh grade and with the greatest of satisfaction possessed our Grammar School diplomas, joined the Freshman Class in September, 1922. Those who guided us through this new and interesting year were Mr. Nichols, Miss Morgan, Miss Pierce and Miss Annice Galphin. We were delighted with two additions to our class, Louise Wrenn and Worth Woodall. They have been a joy to us ever since. Here we met those two dragons, famed through Grammar School, Latin and Algebra. Most of us overcame these successfully along with our other work and when Commencement came were ready for our next epoch.

### Epoch II—Sophomore Hard Knocks

In September, 1923, assured of our importance as Sophomores, we began our second year in High School. We were glad to welcome to our number Louise Slaughter, Iris Duncan, Lilly and Brietz Lockley. It was in this year that we first organized our class with Louise Slaughter as president. We were disappointed when she left us to live in Selma, but felt that we had an able vice-president to take her place, Matthew Houghton, who has served us so faithfully as president since. We were guided through the difficulties of this year by Mr. Nichols, Miss Askew and Misses Annice and Margaret Galphin. Many were the hard knocks we received during this time. We had anticipated smooth sailing in reading "Caesar" with the aid of our "jacks," but we found that the waters were greatly ruffled when Miss Annice Galphin discovered us using them, and we had to brave construction and forms on our own merit. Never shall we forget that heart-rending week, when we were misunderstood and we misunderstood our sub-





stitute. We never realized how our teachers understood us and how easily they explained all problems until we tried an outsider. But the year closed in a feeling of importance because we were to carry the daisy chain in the Senior Class exercises; the first Sophomore Class to have this privilege in our school.

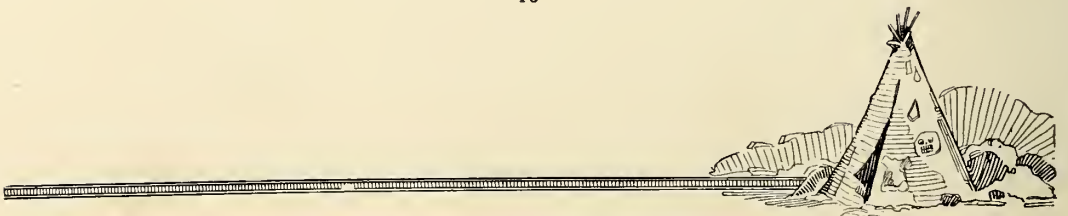
### Epoch III—Junior Days

The class of 1926 was unusually lucky in the opening of its Junior year. For as is seldom the case almost all of our classmates of the year before returned, and besides, Millard Parrish, famed in baseball, and Sally Baker were added to our list. Our trustees were unusually kind to our school this year, for they gave us two extra teachers, besides beginning a new \$100,000 school building. Mr. Stringfield took Mr. Nichols' place as our principal and Misses Harris and Daniels were added to the other three high school teachers. Here for the first time in four years we met and made a sad, but lasting, acquaintance with monthly tests and term exams. Yet our Junior days were happy ones and because of our exemplary deportment and good work, we gained the reputation of being one of the best classes that had been in Clayton High School. We crowned our good times with the Junior-Senior reception which we had at Bernice Turley's.

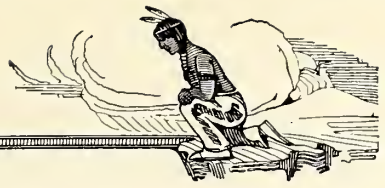
### Epoch IV—Senior Dignity

Again September was here and we assembled in the Senior Classroom for our last year of training, which was to fit us for our lives in the outside world. We were sorry that we had to leave Brietz Lockley behind, but joyfully welcomed Delma Whitley as one of our members. Three of our teachers left us, Miss Annice Galphin, Miss Harris and Miss Daniels; and Misses French, Baxley and Earp came to take their places. We had made a reputation in our Junior year which was hard to live up to, for as Seniors we felt that we must have some fun to compensate for the hard work we had done. Thoughtlessly we carried this too far and a timely reprimand from our superintendent as to our laxness in line and chapel brought us to the realization that we must maintain our senior dignity and live up to our former reputation. Our reformation restored us to the good graces of our teachers, and life was smooth again. There are only nineteen in our class and we hope by a little extra effort on the part of a few we will all receive diplomas at the close of the year. Though our class is small, its quantity is made up by its quality, for besides the daisy chain which we instituted in our sophomore year, we have introduced the editing of an annual as the great event of our senior year.

ETHLYND TURLEY, *Historian.*







## Last Will and Testament

WE, the Seniors of the Clayton High School, realizing the uncertainties of life, that we may die, and leave all our paraphernalia to be lost, do hereby solemnly mention this, our last will and testament:

*First:* We will to the Freshman Class our many fond hopes that they will outgrow their motto: "Green, but Growing."

*Second:* We leave to the silly Sophs our studiousness and our motto: "Dig."

*Third:* We will to the Juniors our dignity and our hopes that they will learn to manage geometry and chemistry. We also leave them our chewing gum.

*Fourth:* To the faculty we leave the pleasure of managing the incoming Seniors.

*Fifth:* I, Ashta Durham, Testator of this class, do hereby mention the personal wills of the individuals of this class:

Worth Woodall leaves his job of furnishing the class with chewing gum to William Clark.

Millard Parrish wills his sheikish ways to Burton Wilder.

Elizabeth Ferrell wills her studiousness to Estelle Clark.

Sallie Baker wills her ability to talk to Elsie Mae Hill.

Inez Smith wills her comb to Grace Taylor, hoping she will bring it to school as regularly as she has done.

Annie Laura Barnes wills her blushes to Madie Hicks.

William Evans leaves his quietness to William Penn.

Press Mauney wills his neatness to Roland Shaw.

Matthew Houghton leaves his never-failing fault of sitting with the girls to Tomlin Farmer.

Latrell Parrish wills his everlasting grin to Tom Hassell, and his geometric knowledge to Janie O'Neil.

Bernice Turley leaves her cosmetics to Lenora Hughes.

Lelia Shore Thomas wills some of her giggles to Howard Parrish.

Ethlynd Turley wills her boyish bob to Angela Whitley.

Josephine Poole leaves her witty remarks to Mamie Pace.

Lilly Lockley wills her chewing gum to Francis White, providing she will not stick it on the radiator.

Delma Whitley leaves her beauty to Kiva Coates.

Iris Duncan leaves her baby ways to Thelma Talton.

Louise Wrenn wills her marcel to Ruby Matthews.

*Sixth:* I, Ashta Durham, Testator of this Senior Class of the Clayton High School, will veto this act unless our dignity is remembered by all.

ASHTA DURHAM, *Testator.*

*Witnesses:*

MATTHEW HOUGHTON

LELIA SHORE THOMAS





## If the Seniors Should Go to Press

MATTHEW HOUGHTON . . . . .	<i>Physical Culture</i>
MILLARD PARRISH . . . . .	<i>Dearborn Independent</i>
ELIZABETH FERRELL . . . . .	<i>McCall's</i>
LATRELLE PARRISH . . . . .	<i>Progressive Farmer</i>
WORTH WOODALL . . . . .	<i>Judge</i>
WILLIAM EVANS . . . . .	<i>Literary Digest</i>
PRESS MAUNEY . . . . .	<i>American</i>
SALLY BAKER . . . . .	<i>The Delineator</i>
ASHTA DURHAM . . . . .	<i>The Good Housewife</i>
INEZ SMITH . . . . .	<i>Good Housekeeping</i>
ANNIE LAURA BARNES . . . . .	<i>Ladies' Home Journal</i>
LELIA SHORE THOMAS . . . . .	<i>Musical America</i>
BERNICE TURLEY . . . . .	<i>Smart Set</i>
ETHLYND TURLEY . . . . .	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
JOSEPHINE POOLE . . . . .	<i>The Modern Priscilla</i>
DELMA WHITLEY . . . . .	<i>Woman's Home Companion</i>
LILLY LOCKLEY . . . . .	<i>Pictorial Review</i>
IRIS DUNCAN . . . . .	<i>Needlecraft</i>
LOUISE WRENN . . . . .	<i>Motion Picture Monthly</i>

## The Seven Wonders of the Senior Class

1. Perpetual talking machine—runs without winding, without records— Annie Laura Barnes.
2. How Latrelle Parrish sees when he's grinning.
3. Jo Pool's extensive correspondence.
4. How Millard Parrish can get here on time.
5. "Sal" Turley's striking boyish bob.
6. Bernice's and Louise's never-ending supply of chewing-gum.
7. The seven Latin pupil's ability to "ride a pony."

## Things That Never Happen

1. Miss Earp encourages noise during study period.
2. Sally Baker talks below a whisper.
3. Mr. Stringfield never has dates with girls.
4. Seniors have no trouble.
5. Tests fail to come 'round at the end of the month.
6. Mr. Hassell never 'lectures' the Seniors.
7. Seniors never giggle





# CLASS PROPHECY

CLAYTON, N. C.

May 2, 1934.

*Dear Anna Laura:*

You can't imagine how delighted I was to hear from you, as it was the first letter I have had from you since you left Clayton in 1926.

I know you are enjoying your work in the hospital as head nurse, especially since it is in New York City.

I received a letter from Matthew, the president of our class in '26, asking me to write to all the members of the class about the reunion on the 18th of this month. The reason for Matthew's asking me to do this is that he is, as you know, the heavyweight boxing champion of the world, and hasn't time for it. The reunion will be held at the Smith Hotel, of which my husband is owner. It stands just across from the school where the old Penn House was.

You must be sure to come, but if you can't, I'll write and tell you all about it.

Always,

INEZ.

CLAYTON, N. C.

May 22, 1944.

*Dear Anna Laura:*

I was very disappointed that you couldn't come to the reunion. That's what you get by being a nurse, but nevertheless, it is a noble profession.

You missed half of your life by not being here. I have never enjoyed anything more.

I'll give you a brief idea of what our old class-mates are doing.

The year after graduating, Sallie Baker left Clayton for Durham, where she was in training for three years. After her graduation there, she returned to Clayton and a few months later married Eugene Hinton. They have a lovely bungalow on O'Neil Street.

After Iris' graduation from Duke University, she went to New York and studied music for several years. She is now director of the Astor Band in Jacksonville, Fla. She, with her husband, broadcasts some of the most beautiful music ever heard in America over the radio.

Ashta is happily married to a dry goods merchant of Savannah, Ga. They had just returned from a trip abroad when they received my letter telling them of the reunion. They told us some very interesting facts of the Orient.

Elizabeth Ferrell has won distinction as the National President of the Campfire Girls.

William Evans, after several years in a Seminary, is one of the leading ministers of Calcutta, India. As he was on a visit to America, it was convenient for him to attend the reunion.

After Lilly left Clayton in 1927, she went to Oklahoma to live. It seems that her life has





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been filled with bitter disappointments, as she has lost three husbands. Now her pastime is being able to read the past, present and future of strangers.

Press, much to our surprise, went west before finishing college, and owns one of the largest commercial vessels on the Pacific Coast. He hasn't married yet, but according to what one of his friends in California said, he is right on the verge of matrimony.

Latrelle is still living near Clayton in a beautiful country home just completed. He married a girl from Georgia two years ago. He is one of the most influential farmers of North Carolina.

Millard, after playing ball several years in the South, finally succeeded in making the New York Giants. We are proud of our baseball star.

You know Jo always craved to be a lawyer. Well, she gained much success for a few years, but then decided that an old flame of hers, Gilbert Perry, was in dire need of a homemaker, so she went to him in New York, where he is one of Broadway's leading actors. Jo has invited me to spend several weeks with her next summer. I can hardly wait as it will be a good opportunity for me to see several of my old classmates, who now reside in New York.

Lelia is in Chicago teaching Latin and aesthetic dancing and it is rumored that she will soon leave her school as stepmother of one of her millionaire pupils.

Bernice went west after graduating at N. C. C. W. at Greensboro and is now the wife of one of the richest cattle owners in Arizona.

Ethlynd has surprised us all. She went to Texas a few years ago as a teacher of mathematics. In her town the women have taken over the political affairs and at the last election she was made mayor of the town.

Delma can tell us of simple and easy methods of making the hair beautiful. She can give full directions as she is now affiliated with the Mulsified Cocoanut Oil Shampoo Company, Cleveland, Ohio. She has become famous for her well kept coiffure.

Guess you remember how Louise always talked about the stage. You know her highest ambition was to specialize in dramatics. After her graduation she went to New York and is now one of the leading actresses of the country.

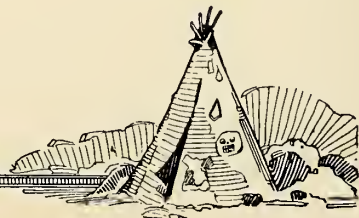
Worth is engaged in Government Service in Hawaii, and to our disappointment, he couldn't be here for the reunion.

When I go to see Jo, I will certainly make many frequent trips to the hospital.

If you can get your vacation next summer, please come down to North Carolina to see me.

Always your classmate,

INEZ.







# CLASS POEM

Four years we've been together—  
Four years of work and play;  
They went by, it seems, so slowly,  
But now 'tis Commencement Day.

We are seeking the crown of success,  
The goal we've endeavored to attain;  
Tho' our task is just beginning,  
We must strive, this height to gain.

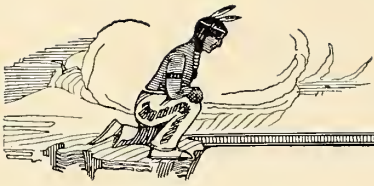
Let us shun the pathways,  
That down to failure lead,  
And follow the glowing path,  
And the guide post marked "Success."

To the teachers who have been faithful,  
Toiling with us the years through,  
We render now, in gratitude,  
All honor and praise to you.

To our Alma Mater may we ever be loyal,  
Doing homage to thee as we pass;  
May your future be bright and prosperous,  
Is the true wish of the Senior Class.

LOUISE WRENN, *Poet.*





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CLASS STATISTICS, 1926







Class Statistics

1926

LOUISE WRENN . . . . .	<i>Cutest</i>
ASHTA DURHAM . . . . .	<i>Daintiest</i>
DELMA WHITLEY . . . . .	<i>Prettiest Girl</i>
WORTH WOODALL . . . . .	<i>Best Looking Boy</i>
ELIZABETH FERRELL . . . . .	<i>Most Studious</i>
WILLIAM EVANS . . . . .	<i>Most Ambitious</i>
BERNICE TURLEY . . . . .	<i>Most Popular Girl</i>
LATRELLE PARRISH . . . . .	<i>Best All Round Boy</i>
INEZ SMITH . . . . .	<i>Best All Round Girl</i>
ETHLYND TURLEY . . . . .	<i>Best Natured</i>
JOSEPHINE POOLE . . . . .	<i>Wittiest</i>
MATTHEW HOUGHTON . . . . .	<i>Most School Spirit</i>
LELIA SHORE THOMAS . . . . .	<i>Most Musical</i>
LILLY LOCKLEY . . . . .	<i>Most Attractive</i>
PRESSLEY MAUNEY . . . . .	<i>Most Courteous</i>
ANNIE LAURA BARNES . . . . .	<i>Most Loquacious</i>
MATTHEW HOUGHTON . . . . .	<i>Most Popular Boy</i>
IRIS DUNCAN . . . . .	<i>Class Baby</i>
SALLIE BAKER . . . . .	<i>Smallest</i>
MILLARD PARRISH . . . . .	<i>Best Athlete</i>







# JUNIORS



*Flower:* Red Rose

*Colors:* Red and White

*Motto:* Build for Character, Not for Fame.

## OFFICERS

CLYDE MAUNEY . . . . .	<i>President</i>
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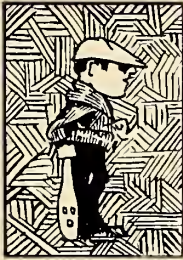
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THE JUNIOR CLASS





# SOPHOMORES



*Flower:* Daisy

*Colors:* Yellow and White

*Motto:* Find a Way or Make One

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STEPHEN JUDSON WALL  
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ERIC WHITWORTH  
FLORENCE WILDER  
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THE SOPHOMORE CLASS





# FRESHMEN



*Flower:* Lilac

*Colors:* Purple and Gold

*Motto:* Green But Growing.

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ELTON ELLIS  
MONA MAE ELLIS  
PAULINE ELLIS

RUTH ELLIS  
ROBERT LEE FERRELL  
TALMADGE GRIMES  
CORNELIA GULLEY  
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HOWARD HOCUTT  
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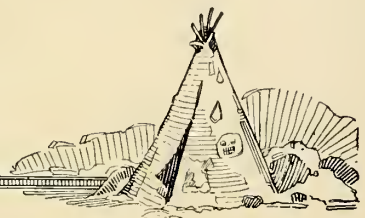




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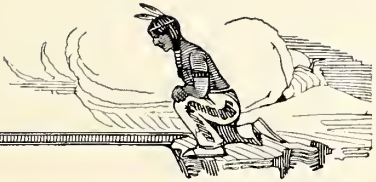
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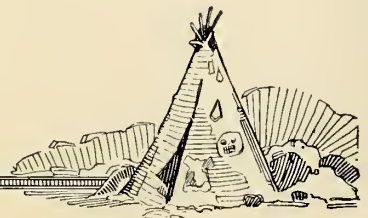


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Dramatic Club

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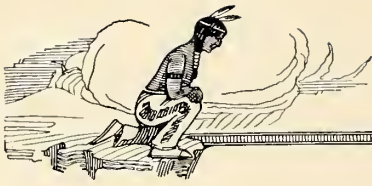
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THE DEBATERS

## Mid-Term Debate

*Resolved:* That Capital Punishment should be abolished in North Carolina.

*Affirmative*

JOSEPHINE POOLE  
ERIC WHITWORTH

*Negative*

MADIE HICKS  
WORTH WOODALL

Decision won by the Affirmative.

Debater's Medal won by Josephine Poole.

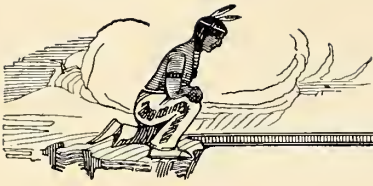




Book III

# ATHLETICS





## Athletic Association



HE Athletic Association of Clayton High School has meant much to the school for the past year as well as in years gone by. For several years the C. H. S. baseball teams have held a prominent place in the contests throughout the state, winning the State Championship in 1916, and again in 1922. In 1925 the team won the Eastern championship, but lost during the fight between the East and West.

The basketball teams played under a great handicap last year on account of not having an indoor court available. Even with these uphill fights, they won the majority of games played.

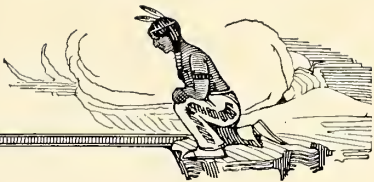
The Athletic Association is divided into two sections: The girls and the boys. However, each lends hearty support to every project undertaken. The boys have no organization other than the different teams. The girls have a formal organization for their section.

## Girls' Athletic Association

### OFFICERS

BERNICE TURLEY . . . . .	<i>President</i>
LELIA SHORE THOMAS . . . . .	<i>Vice-President</i>
HELEN AUSTIN . . . . .	<i>Secretary and Treasurer</i>





Boys' Basketball Team

MR. VANN B. STRINGFIELD . . . . .	Coach
JOHN BATTLE ROBERTSON . . . . .	Captain
JOHN BATTLE ROBERTSON . . . . .	Right Forward
AYDEN LASSITER . . . . .	Left Forward
RALPH WILLIAMS . . . . .	Center
EUGENE WALTERS . . . . .	Right Guard
MILLARD PARRISH . . . . .	Left Guard
TYLER DEWAR . . . . .	Substitute
LAYNELLE JOHNSON . . . . .	Substitute
LATRELLE PARRISH . . . . .	Substitute
JOE YOUNG . . . . .	Substitute







### Girls' Basketball Team

MISS HELEN ASKEW . . . . .	Coach
MRS. A. R. WILSON . . . . .	Coach
LUCILLE YOUNG . . . . .	Captain
BERNICE TURLEY . . . . .	Manager
BERNICE TURLEY . . . . .	Forward
HOCUTT WALL . . . . .	Forward
ESTELLE CLARK . . . . .	Forward
PAULINE SMITH . . . . .	Center
FLORENCE WILDER . . . . .	Guard
HELEN AUSTIN . . . . .	Guard
LUCILLE YOUNG . . . . .	Guard
KIVA COATES . . . . .	Guard





Baseball Team

MR. VANN B. STRINGFIELD . . . . .	Coach
DAN BARNES . . . . .	Captain
TOM HASSELL . . . . .	Mascot
EUGENE WALTERS . . . . .	First Base
THEL ALLEN . . . . .	First Base
JOHN BATTLE ROBERTSON . . . . .	Second Base
JOE TURNER BARNES . . . . .	Third Base
MILLARD PARRISH . . . . .	Shortstop
RALPH WILLIAMS . . . . .	Pitcher
TYLER DEWAR . . . . .	Pitcher
JOE YOUNG . . . . .	Pitcher
DAN BARNES . . . . .	Catcher
AYDEN LASSITER . . . . .	Left Field
WILLIAM CLARK . . . . .	Center Field
BURTON WILDER . . . . .	Right Field
LAYNELLE JOHNSON . . . . .	Right Field
GEORGE CONNOR . . . . .	Substitute
WILBURN SMITH . . . . .	Substitute
HARRY LEE HALL . . . . .	Substitute







SCHOOL LIFE





Book IV

# JOKES





## WANTED TO KNOW OF THE JUNIOR CLASS

1. Why teachers refuse to plan work for Wednesday afternoon until the last minute?
2. Why William Penn and George Little disagree on which is the better music: That of a saxophone or that of a violin?
3. Why Estelle Clark to Miss Earp's question, "Which is the most important town in the state," answers, Selma?
4. Why Miss Galphin doesn't assign Latin composition lessons in the text book any more?
5. Why Joe Turner Barnes smiles in church when they sing, "Grace Enough for Me"?
6. Why Burton Wilder never listens to any bird except a "wren"?
7. Why Madeline Duncan is thankful for excuses not to attend Junior Choir practice.
8. Why Erdine O'Neil cannot be satisfied with Selma boys, but likes even "Wilder" boys?
9. Why Madie Hicks has eliminated the word "fence" from her vocabulary?

\* \* \*

Miss Baxley: "Latrell, why didn't you study your English?"

Latrell P.: "I made a bargain with Matt to learn the geometry for him, if he would learn the English for me. Ask him; he'll tell you."

\* \* \*

\* \* \*

Miss French: "Hocutt, find the least common denominator."

Hocutt: "Goodness! is that thing lost again?"

\* \* \*

"Yes, Gene, Florence said that last night she dreamed she was dancing with you."

"You thrill me to pieces, Millard."

"—And then she woke up to find her kid brother pounding her feet with a flatiron."

Talmadge: "Mushrooms always grow in damp places, don't they, Mr. Stringfield?"

Mr. Stringfield: "Yes, Talmadge."

Talmadge: "Is that why they look like umbrellas?"

\* \* \*

Sallie: "You're a coward. You're even afraid of your own shadow."

Iris: "Well, why shouldn't I be? It looks like a crowd following me."

\* \* \*

Five-year-old Olive accompanied her mother to the grocery store. While the latter was giving her order to the clerk the proprietor of the store came by and handed Olive an apple.

"Now, what do you say?" reminded her mother.

"Charge it," piped little Olive.

\* \* \*

Mr. Stringfield: "Who can describe a caterpillar?"

James Clark: "I can."

Mr. Stringfield: "Well, James, what is it?"

James: "An upholstered worm."

\* \* \*

"What's the most dangerous part about an automobile?"

"The nut behind the steering wheel."

\* \* \*

Jimmie Clark, rushing in Dr. Hocutt's office: "Give me something for my head."

Dr. Hocutt: "I wouldn't have it as a gift."

\* \* \*

John Walter (making a brilliant recitation): The blind man saw his mistake."







## WHEN MISS EARP REVIEWS US ON OUR PREVIOUS YEAR'S WORK

1. Who was Cleopatra and when did Augustus Caesar?

2. Who held the bag while the Gauls sacked Rome?

3. Compare the Fall of Babylon with the Winter of '88.

\* \* \*

Pupil: "What means 'I love you' in French?"

Miss Askew: "Je t'adore."

Pupil: "Why, Miss Askew, the door is shut."

\* \* \*

Delma: "I'm so happy; I have a new niece."

Bernice: "What is it, a boy or a girl?"

\* \* \*

Matt: "So you imagine you know as much as the professor, do you? How is that?"

Latrelle: "Well, he himself has said that it is quite impossible to teach me anything."

\* \* \*

Stringfield: "Late again. Have you ever done anything on time?"

Worth: "I bought a car."

\* \* \*

Miss Earp: "Name some terrible incident of the World War."

Josephine: "The Germans bombarded a man's house in Belgium and shelled all his peas."

\* \* \*

Miss Earp: "Who was the smallest man in the Roman army?"

Leila Shore: "The man who slept on his watch."

Matthew: "I am going to marry a girl who can take a joke."

Millard: "That's all she'll get."

\* \* \*

Matthew: "That bird flew right down and pecked me on the head."

William: "Well, I wouldn't boast about it, because that bird was a woodpecker."

\* \* \*

Miss Baxley: "The sentence, 'My father had money,' is in the past tense. Now, Delma, what tense would you be speaking in if you said, 'My father has money'?"

Delma: "Oh. That would be pretence."

\* \* \*

"Mama," said George Coats, who had been sent to dry a wet towel by the fire, "Is it done when it's brown."

\* \* \*

Mr. Stringfield: "Lilly, what are you chewing?"

Lilly Lockley: "My tongue."

Mr. Stringfield: "Spit it out."

\* \* \*

Mr. S.: "Matthew, what is zinc?"

M. A. H.: "That's the French pronunciation of think."

\* \* \*

Bernice: "I don't think I deserve a zero."

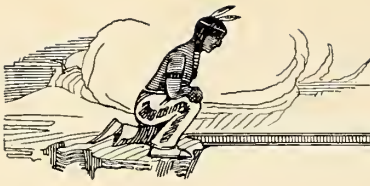
Miss Galphin: "Neither do I, but it's the lowest I can give."

\* \* \*

Mr. Stringfield: "You know, lots of women have no sense of humor."

Miss Galphin: "Well, what of it? Lots of men have no sense."





## Appreciation

The staff of Wanna-Tah-Tella takes this opportunity of thanking those who have made possible its publication. We especially thank the student body for its interest and co-operation; the faculty who have lent their hearty support; the business organizations that have made possible our financial success by their advertisements.

Especially do we want to thank Eric Whitworth for his contribution: the name of this, our first annual. The name, "Wanna-Tah-Tella," comes from the Comanche tribe of American Indians and means "End of the Trail." The word was used only for the death cry and was very sacred. Many a warrior has cried slowly and sadly, but proudly, "Wanna-Tah-Tella" and gone bravely to his death. We, at the end of this, our first effort in publishing an annual, and at the end of the school year '26, pause and utter not without some pride, "Wanna-Tah-Tella."

It seems especially appropriate that at this time we should commend the members of the Building Committee for their tireless efforts in providing us with a new, well-equipped Grammar School building. They have had difficulties and much criticism, but through it all they have been, as you see them below, patient and wise: "Seeing no evil, hearing no evil and speaking no evil."







Book V

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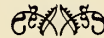
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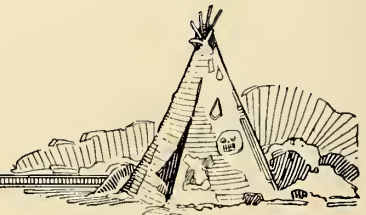
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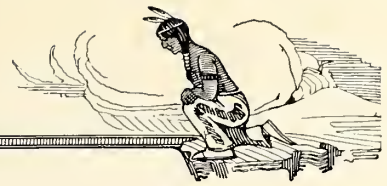
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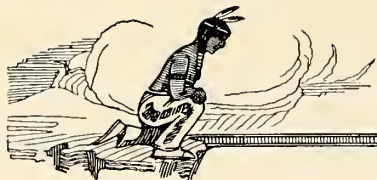


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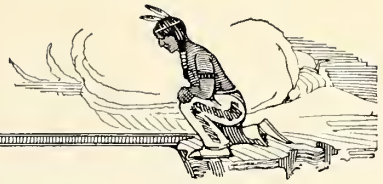
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Mr. Stringfield: "What is space?"

Worth Woodall: "I have it in my head,  
but I can't express it."

Mr. Stringfield (holding up a vial of deadly  
chlorine gas): "What steps would you take  
if this gas were to escape?"

Ethlynd Turley: "Long ones."

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Prof. Hassell: "Well, now, why are the  
muscles in my head smaller than those in my  
arm?"

"Pupil: "Because you don't use them as  
much, I suppose."

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Miss Earp: "Explain why this period was  
known as the 'Dark Ages'."

Harold (revealing a bright idea): "Be-  
cause 'twas the age of knights."

Bernice: "Look here, I'm nobody's fool."  
Lelia: "Yeah, but don't despair. Somebody  
may adopt you yet."

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Miss French: "How near are you to the  
right answer, Ethlynd?"

Ethlynd T.: "Just two seats away."

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Iris: "Miss Askew, what good does French  
do you?"

"Miss A.: "It broadens you."

Iris: "Well, I'm going to drop it right  
away."

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Pupil (translating Vergil: "I strove to  
cast my arms about him"—that's as far as I  
got."

Miss Galphin: "That's quite far enough."





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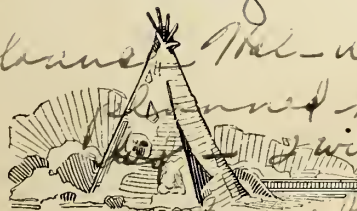
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